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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) Naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge

SB 4 will rename the Tok River bridge to the “Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge”.

The name change honors Scott Johnson who died in the line of duty on May 1, 2014.

This bill honors the beloved community member by enshrining his name on a bridge near Tok, the place where he hunted, fished, and was raised.

SB 4 will rename the Tok River Bridge, located at Milepost 1309 on the Alaska Highway, as an acknowledgement of Johnson’s life, achievements, and honorable works in Alaska.

Scott Johnson served the State of Alaska for 23 years, accomplishing many milestones such as a Bachelor of Science in Criminology in 1991, assisting the youth as a coach and mentor, and 43 letters of commendation, with two commendations for honorable professional service.

The Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge will serve as a reminder to all Alaskans about honor and courage in our state.

This bill will have Scott Johnson’s name out in the beautiful Alaskan outdoors, where Johnson always loved to be with his family (which includes Brandy, his wife, and children, Hayly, Hana, and Halene) and friends.